



Missions Hotline

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Free Methodist World Missions is committed to serve Free Methodists as together we make disciples among the peoples of the world. The Free Methodist Church has ministry in 82 world areas.

Africa

Nigeria: Things have improved in the case involving Hope Academy, the church and mission property. The perpetrators are in custody, but tensions in the community are still high. A number of people have been deceived into believing the former pastor who is behind these crimes. Pray truth will prevail and justice be administered. Pray for safety of church leaders.

Africa Area Director Mike Reynen has asked for prayer for these needs: Pray for the reactivation of the Bible school in Tanzania. Pray for the continued growth of the Kenya church and preparations for greater self-leadership as a national church. Remember Dosseh, our leader in Togo, as he continues pastoral care of the fellowships in Togo and outreach efforts in the country of Benin.

Asia

India: A spiritual crusade will be held May 29 to 31 in northwest India. Organizers expect 2,000 people to attend. Pray the listeners will have open hearts to the messages presented.

Hong Kong: A united baptismal service will be held Sun., May 31. Pray the presence of the Holy Spirit surrounds each one who shares their testimony and that their words will draw non-believers to God.

Missions Family

FMWM grieves with the family of Charlotte Roberts, Missions Finance staff member, who passed away Sat., May 23, in Indianapolis after battling cancer over the last few months. Funeral services will be Tues., May 26, in Brownsburg, IN. Charlotte was a vital FMWM staff member for 20 years. She worked in International Child Care Ministries before transferring to the finance department. Be in prayer for her husband, Roger, and step-son, Christopher.

Europe: Surround Marcie Huson in prayer as she devotes focused time, May 30 to June 13, to finish a complete draft of her doctoral thesis. Pray Marcie can concentrate on this work. Give praise that last week's X-rays show the bone in Marcie's elbow is fully healed. She will continue with physical therapy and hopes to see some additional improvement. Praise God for His healing.

FMWM congratulates these graduates and requests you pray for their future steps.

High School

James Snyder, son of Dan and Dee Ann (Haiti), graduated in Haiti and will attend Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA. He has been accepted into the aviation program.

David Owsley, son of Dan and Hope (Brazil), graduated from Pan American Christian Academy, São Paulo, Brazil.

College

Sarah Adams, daughter of Fred and Barb (Philippines), Spring Arbor University, MI, graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in recreation and leisure management.

Kristin Coleman, daughter of Jerry and Jan (Europe), Greenville College, IL, graduated with a double major in psychology and communications.

Rachel Snyder, daughter of Dan and Dee Ann (Haiti), Spring Arbor University, MI, earned degrees in photography and French. Her plans include moving to Switzerland to continue onsite language study.

Bekah Teusink, daughter of Tim and Muriel (VISA Ministries, Ethiopia), Spring Arbor University, MI, graduated with a degree in education. She plans to complete her student teaching in the Seattle area this fall.

Peter Winckles, son of Larry and Katie (Hungary), Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in computer science.

Ashley (Snyder) Jewell, daughter of Dan and Dee Ann (Haiti), Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI, received her R.N. degree.

Europe

Hungary: Larry and Katie Winckles are thankful they recently received a five-year renewal for their residency permits. Previously the longest permit they ever received was for two years.

Larry and Katie are returning to the U.S. for four weeks of partnership building ministry. They are thankful for the many people who will be helping out with the Budapest fellowship. Pray for Jan and Julia as they lead and for those who will be helping in various ways - Jerry, Peter, Judit, Karcsi, Gabor, Bernadett and others.

Latin America

Haiti: The roof of one of the International Child Care Ministries schools has been destroyed, reports Jeanne Acheson-Munos. More churches, homes and schools are flooded in the south and lower Artibonite Valley due to early rains and high winds. At least 11 people have died. Pray this year Haiti will be spared the horrific effect of hurricanes.

Mexico: Pray for God's direction in the planning stages of the "Hogar de Paz" (House of Peace) children's home in Nogales, Sonora. This ministry was the vision of Ana, who has donated the use of a

house she owns. The hope is to house six to eight abandoned, or at-risk, children with house-parents. The ministry would start with girls, ages 8 to 11, and follow them through high school, and even university, if they choose further study. The big vision is that this pattern will be used to establish more homes in Nogales, and throughout Mexico. Pray for God's direction to the house-parents He has chosen; guidance for structuring this ministry; and God to provide furnishings for the house, as well as resources and volunteers.

Middle East

Iraq: While God is opening doors for budding ministry in northern Iraq through the Dohuk community, spiritual warfare has begun. A local mullah has started a petition to close the church. Pray for God's protection on the congregation and for God's work not to be thwarted by one man's efforts.

Mobilization

"Accustom yourself gradually to carry prayer into all your daily occupation - speak, act, work in peace, as if you were in prayer, as indeed you ought to be" - François Fénelon. As you pray through your day, remember to ask God to work in the hearts of those He is calling to take His light to the nations. Is God calling you to go to the world? To begin discussing how you might plug in, send an e-mail to ExploreMissions@gmail.com.

VISA Ministries

Robert Schneider, Wenatchee FMC, WA, travels to Burundi, May 29 to June 28, to teach at Hope Africa University's Frank Ogden School of Medicine.

Jerry Merrill and Catherine Wirth, both of Wenatchee FMC, WA, along with Becky Riemenschneider, Aldersgate FMC, Indianapolis, IN, travel to Haiti May 30 to June 6. The team will assist with International Child Care Ministries bookkeeping.

Marv DeVisser and Tim and Keri Innes, Spring Arbor FMC, MI, travel to Peru May 23 to June 3 to work with J.R. Crouse on various projects.

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Current Newsletters

Check the FMWM Web site for recent newsletters from the following missionaries:

David & Sarah Clemente, Taiwan

Marcie Huson, Europe

Josef & Lynette Sykora, Slovakia

Don & Kathy Williams, Thailand

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